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RE APPLICATION OF:

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: EXAMINER: GUO

FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATMENT OF SAMPLE FOR QUANTITATING
CHOLESTEROL AND METHOD FOR QUANTITATING CHOLESTEROL IN
SPECIFIC LIPOPROTEINS BY USING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated January 17, 2003, Applicants elect, with
traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 and 36-40, for further prosecution.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-7 and 36-40, drawn to methods of quantitate cholesterol;

Group II: Claims 8-12 and 41-42, drawn to pretreatment agents;

Group III: Claims 13-33, drawn to quantitation kits for cholesterol; and

Group IV: Claims 34-35, drawn to reaction accelerator.

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prosecution.